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El Paso Zoo to Host Nationwide Interactive Online Class

EL PASO, Texas — The El Paso Zoo has teamed up with Varsity Tutors, an online education platform, to offer a free two-part program series called Wild About Health starting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3.

Put together by the zoo's Education Department, "Wild About Health" takes parents and children on a virtual adventure that will teach them about three animals and how zookeepers keep them healthy through exercise.

Anyone interested in participating in the online adventure can do so by clicking on the "Wild About Exercise" banner at www.elpasozoo.org. So far, more than 5,000 participants have signed up for the online class.

The first session is a 45-minute class (all ages welcome) from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Education Curator, Rick LoBello, and Education Specialist, Heather Rivera and Sarah Murphy will host the event.

"This is a great program that combines the animals' natural motions and correlates them to fun human exercises," said El Paso Zoo Director Joe Montisano. "It is designed for kids but certainly good for people of any age and especially relevant during the pandemic when we all could use some extra exercise."

Adjusting to the pandemic and the zoo's 10-month closure, the Education Team has scheduled more than 40 free online programs for schools and groups since May 2020 to allow the community and participants across the country to learn about wildlife from the safety of their homes.

The El Paso Zoo Education Department will continue to offer educational opportunities and experience through the zoo's reopening set for February 10. Visitors can stay up to date with programs offered on the Conservation Education blog, and on the El Paso Zoo Facebook page.

To learn more about the El Paso Zoo, visit www.elpasozoo.org

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